

My letter is in response to recently introduced legislation that threatens to limit competition and prop-up the old guard of terrestrial radio stations throughout the country. Satellite radio and Internet radio offerings have become increasingly successful as local radio station content has become mundane and stagnant.

Our country is founded upon a system of capitalism, which should foster competition, not let media conglomerates limit choice and protect their selfish interests. The arguments posed by the National Association of Broadcasters is eerily similar to fights waged over telephone and utility deregulation. Competition serves the purpose of offering variety and the potential for lowering cost structures.

From the increasing popularity of satellite radio, it is clear that XM and Sirius will face additional competition in the future. Are we again to expect the Federal Communications Commission to step in to limit this threat to market share? No! Let the people decide what they want to hear and from where they will listen! Remember that freedom of choice is a fundamental right and our bureaucrats are there not to serve lobbyists and special interests, but to guard and foster the will of the public.